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DISMISSED SHIP Naval Surgeon Before Court Martial

AT A COURT MARTIAL HELD ON BOARD H.M.S. "AORANGI" YESTERDAY, SURGEON-LIEUT. JOHN McLEAN SMITH, M.B., R.N.V.R., FORMERLY OF H.M.S. "AMETHYST" AND NOW OF H.M.S. "AORANGI," WAS CHARGED OF BEING GUILTY OF AN ACT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND NAVAL DISCIPLINE BY CAUSING A CERTIFICATE OF CONDUCT WHICH HIS COMMANDING OFFICER, LIEUT.-COMMANDER SCOTT-ELLIOT, HAD HANDED TO HIM TO BE RETURNED TO THE LIEUT.-COMMANDER IN A TORN CONDITION.

THE COURT FOUND THE CHARGE PROVED AND THE SENTENCE WAS THAT ACCUSED BE DISMISSED HIS SHIP AND BE SEVERELY REPRIMANDED.

The court consisted of Capt. Geoffrey Thirlton Smith, G.M., R.N., of H.M.S. "Munich," Lt. Gordonway Evans, Pryse Lloyd, R.N.V.R., of H.M.S. "Montclair," and Lt. Cdr. Thomas Frederick Taylor, D.S.C., R.N., of H.M.S. "Teazer."

The prosecution was conducted by Capt. C. P. Friend and accused was defended by Mr. M. A. de Silva instructed by Lieut. M. E. Jump.

The evidence of the prosecution was that an accused's discharge from H.M.S. "Amethyst" on October 16 he was handed his certificate of conduct by Lieut.-Commander Scott Elliot. Shortly after, on the quarter deck, accused tore up the certificate into four pieces, put the parts in an envelope, re-addressed it to his commanding officer and sent it back.

At the outset Mr. Silva made a preliminary submission that Captain Friend should not be allowed to conduct the prosecution as he might be a possible witness. This submission was overruled by the Court.

OBJECTION UPHOLD
Later in the proceedings when Captain Friend cross-examined accused regarding an incident at which he was present, Mr. Silva objected to the cross-examination on the ground that when Captain Friend put to accused a different view he was in effect telling accused that he disagreed with what had happened without having to go into the witness box and be cross-examined.

This submission was held good by the Court and Captain Friend was told to confine his cross-examination to events at which he was not present.

In cross-examination Lieut. Commandeur Elliot stated that he had refused the recommendation of accused that a Lieut. Jump go shipless in order to effect a cure for prickly heat. He admitted that men from other neighbouring ships, such as H.M.S. Hart, were shipless though cramped. He was following orders.

Continuing his cross-examination in the Mediterranean he had agreed that no C.D.A. mess would be established on the ship.

UNDER ARREST
When a case of V.D. was reported to him he had to take action as the patient was the servant of an officer. He was told the name of this patient by accused. A few days later a second case occurred and this time accused refused to divulge the name of the patient.

It was also stated that accused in making certain representations had in witness' opinion acted in a subversive manner.

Accused was placed under arrest for five days shortly after and relieved of his duties. Further correspondence ensued and in the end on the sixth day accused was released by way of dismissal to another ship.

In cross-examination witness said that in the certificate of conduct accused was given a weak character. It was his considered opinion when he gave that.

He did not tell accused when he gave the certificate of conduct what had been given. It might be the practice of C.O.'s when giving a derogatory reference to a junior officer to say what was written. This was with a view to hoping that the junior officer might talk with his senior officer who might change it.

Mr. Silva said that the defence was that there had been such extreme provocation of the accused by Lieut.-Commandeur Scott Elliot, that the accused was goaded beyond endurance so that he had done the act in a moment of uncontrollable impulse.

Mr. Silva said that accused was a young medical officer 25 years of age who had obtained his degrees in Glasgow University in June, 1944 and joined the Navy in March, 1945.

IN CONFLICT
Mr. Silva said that his case was that the narrow interpretation of naval discipline by a headstrong naval officer came into conflict

PACIFIC SHIPPING

Washington, Dec. 15. Prospects of further restoration of trans-Pacific shipping brightened when the United States Maritime Commission announced that Norwegian shipping companies have filed applications seeking the establishment of an American-Asiatic cargo service.—Associated Press.

Only Faith And Hope Remain!

LONDON, DEC. 15. "THE ECONOMIST" TODAY DEVOTES A 20,000-WORD ARTICLE IN CRITICISM OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LOAN AGREEMENT.

Main conclusion is that the loan's conditions almost certainly will entail a chronic deficit of £355,000,000 annually in Britain's balance of payments.

This would be three as large as the worst figure during the great depression of the early 1930's.

Terms of the loan, the journal says, will entirely preclude any possibility of the planned expansion of international trade since they allow only restrictive adjustments.

"The loan agreement certainly is not charity, and without that there remain only faith and hope," —Reuter.

MacA Building New Democracy

LONG BEACH, CALIF., DEC. 15. THE LONG BEACH "PRESS-TELEGRAM" COMMENTING EDITORIAL ON THE OCCUPATION OF JAPAN, HIGHLY COMMENDED GENERAL MACARTHUR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND DECLARED HIS "SURE-FOOTED BUT RAPID PROGRESS IN BUILDING A NEW JAPAN IS IN REFRESHING CONTRAST TO THE CONFUSION OF ALLIED ADMINISTRATION IN GERMANY."

THE NEWSPAPER CALLED MACARTHUR'S LAND REFORM PROGRAMME AN ACT OF "PROGRESSIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE STATE MANSHIP, DESIGNED TO LIFT TENS OF MILLIONS OF IMPOVERISHED, OPPRESSED NIPPONESE AGRICULTURISTS TO A DECENT STANDARD OF LIVING."

The newspaper noted that MacArthur had abolished absentee land ownership and made it possible for small tenant farmers to purchase land, thus destroying an economic bondage which had enslaved Japanese farmers for centuries.

It termed the action "an emancipation proclamation which in world history may be coupled with Abraham Lincoln's freeing of the American slaves."

AROUSING MASSES
The newspaper added that in rescuing Nipponese farmers from the circumstances which made it impossible for them to live as human beings, MacArthur "is building a democracy in the only way it can be built, by arousing the masses to a realization of their rights and to a sense of the injury and injustice done them by the ruling classes of Japan."

The editorial was sharply critical of the divided German occupation and commented: "There's nothing in the record to encourage the United States to give up its control in Japan to the international body, has laid foundations for a new, not at least until MacArthur has laid foundations for a new Japan." —Associated Press.

JAVA REINFORCEMENT
Batavia, Dec. 15. A British spokesman said two companies of the third and fourth Gurkha divisions and a battalion of the British sixth airborne division have arrived in Java to augment the military force engaged against the Indonesian nationalists.—Associated Press.

POST FOR GAUSS
Washington, Dec. 15. President Truman today nominated Clarence B. Gauss, former United States Ambassador to China, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export and Import Bank.—Associated Press.

STEPPING UP OF CHINA RELIEF

WASHINGTON, DEC. 15. THE U.N.R.R.A. PLANS TO SPEND AN ESTIMATED \$875,000,000 IN CHINA BEFORE MARCH 31, 1947, SAID DEPUTY-DIRECTOR MR. ROY HENRICKSON. HE SAID THAT THE CHINA PROGRAMME "WILL SOON BE IN FULL SWING."

HENRICKSON, WHO IS FRESH FROM CHINA, SAID THAT THE U.N.R.R.A. WILL BE CONCERNED SOLELY WITH BATTLEFIELD AREAS AND PLACES THE JAPANESE HAD OCCUPIED.

He estimated that 250,000,000 Chinese live in the affected areas. Efforts will be centred in areas in which 100,000,000 Chinese live.

Henrickson divided relief areas into three categories: (1) Former battlefields such as Hunan province.

(2) Bomb-stricken areas such as Hankow and Canton.

(3) Japanese-occupied areas such as Shanghai, Tientsin and Peiping.

He estimated that \$100,000,000 will be spent for food, including huge amounts of rice which he expected to obtain from Indo-China, Siam and elsewhere.

GREATEST NEED
He said \$50,000,000 would be spent for medicines and hospital equipment the programme of which "is limited by the number of doctors in China," estimated at 12,000.

He said that China's greatest need is river and coast-wise shipping which U.N.R.R.A. "will attempt to rehabilitate by underwriting ship operations and supplying materials for the construction of small craft." —Associated Press.

The Richest Diamond Deposits Ever

RIO DE JANEIRO, DEC. 15. DIAMOND DEPOSITS, CLAIMED TO BE THE RICHEST EVER DISCOVERED IN BRAZIL, HAVE BEEN FOUND IN THE WESTERN BRAZIL BACKLASHES IN THE SAO CHANDEL, A TRIBUTARY OF THE PARABAIBA RIVER, SENHOR LAURO MELO, A MEMBER OF THE DIAMOND MINE UNION ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY.

In the past fortnight, diamonds valued at \$500,000 have been found.

The Parabaiba River flows into the River Parana, which runs into the Plate River estuary.

Industrial diamonds, for which this area is famous, were in great demand by the Axis Powers during the war.—Reuter.

PATTERNED ON U.S. ARMY

CHUNGKING, DEC. 15. GEN. PAI CHUNG-HSI REPORTED TO THE NATIONAL MILITARY COUNCIL THAT CHINA MUST HAVE A STRONG MODERN ARMY PATTERNED AFTER THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, PLUS SOME ADAPTATION OF JAPANESE METHODS.

Deputy Chief-of-staff Pai urged one year of compulsory military training for all secondary school graduates, establishment of re-training schools for the professional army and creation of a non-professional reserve, along American lines.

He said that since China's military equipment is American, it is necessary to follow American training methods, but noted there should be no wholesale imitation of West Point, the U.S. military academy.—Associated Press.

"ISOLATED INCIDENT" IN NORTH CHINA
Washington, Dec. 15. General A. A. Vandegrift, Commander of the U.S. Marine Corps, today said the circumstances surrounding the firing by marines on a Chinese village following the killing of a marine "were not yet established."

Vandegrift wrote to the "Washington Post" hoping that the newspaper "will not attempt to blacken the name of the Marine Corps" solely because of an isolated incident.—Associated Press.

THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN "PRAVDA" TODAY CHALLENGED THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH TROOPS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

David Zaslavsky, one of the Soviet Union's foremost commentators writing in the "Pravda" asked why the presence of Russian troops in Iran is questioned by Britain and the United States while they kept troops in Java, Egypt, Greece, Palestine, China and other countries.

Zaslavsky accused some politicians of maintaining a democratic tone "when it is beneficial to them, and when it is not they know, aside from delicate questions, with what not your business" answer.

He asked if there was any basis for the presence of British troops in Greece, Java and other places, saying: "They interfere in the internal life of the Greek people, something not foreseen by any treaty in the world."

"How long after the war will they cease their military activity in Java? How long? There is no answer to that question." —Associated Press.

PATTON CHEERFUL
Frankfurt, Dec. 15. Gen. George Patton's condition was reported to be excellent in a medical bulletin released today. The report said he "had a comfortable night and is alert and cheerful." —Associated Press.

KOGI TAKEN TO HIS VICTIMS' GRAVES

ONCE THE SUPREME MILITARY LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR THE WHOLE OF JAPANESE-OCCUPIED SOUTH CHINA, A LITTLE MAN, NOT MORE THAN 5 FEET 2 INCHES IN HEIGHT, STOOD BEFORE A TEAKWOOD PILLAR AT STANLEY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHILE ANOTHER JAPANESE PASSED HIS FINGER DOWNWARD OVER JAPANESE KATAKANA INSCRIPTIONS TESTIFYING TO AN EXECUTION THAT TOOK PLACE ON OCT. 19, 1943.

THE LITTLE MAN WAS LT.-COL. KAZUO KOGI, THE COLONY'S NO. 2 WAR CRIMINAL, WHO STOOD STIFFLY TO ATTENTION AT THE GRAVE-SITE, OVER A DESOLATE WASTELAND SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY AUTUMN-TINGED HILLS WERE DOTTED THE GRAVES OF OTHER CITIZENS OF THE COLONY WHO HAD BEEN EXECUTED DURING THE OCCUPATION.

There were a few rough boards testifying to one or two names, but a typical inscription read "15 men and one woman."

It was a sunless afternoon and an eerie feeling may have prevailed were it not for the numbers of those present.

Col. Kogi stood erect and did not appear to be much perturbed. He was clad in the typical Japanese officer's field uniform and was on the alert for orders to stand or move. With him was another Japanese, Numuri, once an interpreter at the Shumshu Prisoners-of-War Camp.

Numuri appeared to be quite used to the job assigned him and read off methodically the katakana inscriptions, squatting down and turning his face up occasionally to a stenographer who took the names down.

"Have you that one down?" he asked, and "Is that correct?" The grave, surrounded by stones, and with a pillar surmounted by a stone standing in the middle, bore only one relic of a floral tribute in the shape of a broken bottle with some withered gladioli in it.

The pillar bore on the side facing the sea the names of several of the British dead buried in a common grave. The katakana inscriptions giving the Christian names of the dead in full. On another side it bore the names of two Indians who had been executed, with the names both in English and Arabic.

ON THE DOUBLE
Coming out of the gate of Stanley Prison, the two Japanese were run on the double down a rocky path skirting the wall of Stanley Gaol, and then along rocks shaped by the surf by a path overgrown with weeds to the execution ground to which the Japanese, in the course of their occupation of Hong Kong, had despatched more than one party of prisoners to execution.

The ground itself would, without the sinister implication of the graves, be ground that no party of picnickers would choose as a site to camp.

One of the Commando guard was asked if he would spend a night there of his own volition. The reply was: "Not on your life. Not unless I had to." It is a waste where, it seems, even nature had rebelled.

SLIGHT AND PALTRY
Col. Kogi kept blinking through most of the period in front of the grave and did not dart any glances around. With the conclusion of the visit, he walked stiffly by the grave without paying much heed to his footing over uneven ground and then, with Numuri once more at his side, broke into a lope on the run back to Stanley Gaol.

The Colonel's bearing was military enough by all standards, but the impression he must have left on one and all probably was: "Could one so slight and paltry in appearance really have wielded such power?"

The Japanese average 5 feet 3 1/2 inches in height. The Colonel was a good 1 1/2 inches below this standard and probably weighs very little over 100 lbs. if he is that heavy.

But it was his hand, it is alleged, that signed the death warrant for many hundreds.

Throughout the night, police vans and military transports raced through the West End to night-clubs, dance halls and public houses; the police visited premises where deserters were likely to be found.—Reuter.

Suffocated
In Steam
Chambers

NUREMBERG, DEC. 15. DOCUMENTS PRODUCED YESTERDAY BY THE PROSECUTION IN THE TRIAL OF NAZI LEADERS, REVEALED THAT IN THE POLISH CAMPS, THE NAZIS KILLED JEWS BY SUFFOCATING THEM IN STEAM CHAMBERS.

The prosecution cited evidence that 1,765,000 persons of different nationalities were exterminated at the Auschwitz and Birkenau camps in two years.

Evidence was also produced showing German plans for spoliation and Germanisation of occupied countries. It also showed the Nazi plans for wholesale migration and reshuffling of populations.—Reuter.

CANADA AGREES
Ottawa, Dec. 15. The Canadian House of Commons last night voted the third reading of a bill ratifying Canada's signature of the Bretton Woods international monetary agreements by 109 votes to 7.—Reuter.

A Hint

London, Dec. 15. A hint is given in the newspapers this morning that the raid on the Kingdom House headquarters of the Hitler cult at Petworth, Sussex, was carried out by members of the Commandos.

Police Comb-Out In London

LONDON, DEC. 15. ONE OF THE BIGGEST AND MOST SPECTACULAR IDENTITY CHECKS EVER MADE IN BRITAIN CAUSED HUNDREDS OF PERSONS TO BE DETAINED AT TEN LONDON POLICE STATIONS LAST NIGHT.

Object of the comb-out was to drag from hiding the thousands of deserters known to be in the Metropolis and long before midnight the results were described as "fully satisfactory."

Of the hundreds detained, some were found to be deserters and others could not give satisfactory answers as to their identity.

NIGHT-CLUBS

Both sides of the River Thames in central London were patrolled by 2,000 Metropolitan policemen and hundreds of British, American and Canadian military police, who made the search. Many of them were employed in sealing off areas and holding up traffic at road-blocks while others kept the underground stations under observation.

Several police stations were full up with hundreds of people all evening. At one station 70 of these were held for further questioning and three deserters were discovered.

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BRITAIN'S BATTLE OF CRIME

Turning In Favour Of Forces Of Law And Order

Police Comb-Out Underworld

LONDON, DEC. 15. BRITAIN'S "BATTLE OF CRIME" HAS, IT SEEMS, TURNED IN FAVOUR OF LAW AND ORDER. THE EXTENSIVE COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DRIVE HAS BROUGHT ABOUT GOOD RESULTS. SCORES OF DESERTERS HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP. SOME HAD BEEN HIDING FOR TWO OR THREE YEARS.

THE POLICE, WITH THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC, HAS TAKEN THE FIGHT TO CAR BANDITS, JEWEL THIEVES AND HOUSE-BREAKERS WHO, AFTER A FEW WEEKS IN WHICH THEY INCREASED THE CRIME FIGURES APPRECIABLY, ARE NOW EITHER LYING LOW, BEING WATCHED CLOSELY BY SCOTLAND YARD, OR ARE ALREADY IN CUSTODY.

The public have rendered great aid to the police through increased calls to 999, Scotland Yard's telephone link with the public in cases of robbers, or looting with intent to commit a robbery.

As a result, more and more contacts are being questioned through follow-up to these calls, and through daily comb-out of London's underworld and nightly car check carried out by the police.

In Liverpool, though crime is 20 per cent higher than it was before the war, there has been a slight decrease in the past few weeks. Patrols have been strengthened by special constables, and wireless patrol cars, which are in touch all the time with head quarters, are touring the city day and night.

There was an exciting incident in London early to day when a gunman escaped over roof-tops in Mayfair as a police cordon was being thrown round the whole area. The man was found by an officer in the American Officers' Club in Hill Street.

Challenged by the officer, the intruder drew his revolver, pointed it at the officer and then retreated upstairs and out on to the roof of the premises next door.

The officer telephoned the police and the police surrounded the area. Later, they discovered the burglar had abandoned his automatic pistol and a number of other articles that he had taken from the Club in the basement of a "blitzed" house nearby.

It is thought that the man had accomplices who had planned to remove the stolen property by car.

The driver of a powerful car, who was chased by a police car, abandoned his vehicle in the Edgware Road.

Laying his coat behind in the hands of the pursuing police, another gunman escaped in shirt-sleeves by bus.

The gunman fought policemen in Rye Lane, Peckham, broke free flourishing a revolver and jumped on a moving bus for Chamberwell Green. Ammunition and some bank notes were found in the jacket he left behind. Reuter.

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

LONDON, DEC. 15. LEAVE FOR DETECTIVES THROUGHOUT BRITAIN IS SUSPENDED FOR A GREAT DRIVE TO ROUND UP 10,000 DESERTERS FROM THE ARMY, INCLUDING 600 AMERICANS. THIS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS IN THE WAR AGAINST CRIME DECIDED AT A CONFERENCE OF POLICE CHIEFS AT SCOTLAND YARD DURING THE WEEK-END.

MANY PROVINCIAL POLICE FORCES HAVE REPORTED CRIME INCREASES VARYING FROM 70 TO 100 PER CENT ABOVE PRE-WAR FIGURES. POLICE CORPS OF THE VARIOUS ARMED SERVICES ARE HELPING THE CIVILIAN POLICE.

More crimes of violence came to light this week-end.

While Mrs. Eleanor Simpson was bound in her house at Chesham Road, Southgate North, last

night, two soldiers forced their way in.

She was beaten about the face and head, dragged to the kitchen, gagged and lashed to a chair with electric flex. As she lay helpless men ransacked the house and escaped.

The second of last night's cases occurred when motor-car bandits smashed open the door of Jay-marks, clothiers, of Kingsland-road, N.I., and stole a quantity of coats. The men escaped in their car.

£4,000 HAUL

These followed a robbery at Wembley when Leslie Hodgson was attacked as he entered his home by four men who had laid in wait for him. He was struck on the head and handcuffed.

The bandits took £4,000 from a safe and escaped.

At Edmonton, Henry Roullier, 48-year-old local councillor, was challenged while walking with his wife but managed to disarm one of two hold-up men who ran away.

At Elephant and Castle railway station two bandits held up the booking office staff and snatched a bundle of pound notes.

At Stepney, thieves robbed a bonded warehouse of 70,000 ton rations.

Since 10 October, jewellery to the value of almost £100,000 has been stolen in the London area alone.—Reuter.

Homma Trial A Six-Man Job

Manila, Dec. 15. A six-man staff headed by Lieut-Colonel Frank E. Mook, has been named by the war criminal branch of the United States army forces in the Pacific to prosecute Lieut-General Masaharu Homma on charges of condoning atrocities, including the death march of Bataan.

The staff includes the Philippines army Major Manuel Lim, of Manila, plus Navy Lieutenant Benjamin Schwartz, of Los Angeles; Captain C. H. Wamego, of Kansas; Lieutenant Paul T. White, of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Abraham Hoff, of New York.

Homma's indictment will probably be returned on Dec. 18 and the trial will begin about Jan. 17.

Three high ranking officers have already been named to the Military Commission, and two other places are still to be filled.—Associated Press.

Food Before Films

During the Food Before Films debate in the House of Commons Mr. Robert Boothby said: "If the physiologists had their way, we should all be living on pills; no doubt we should survive, but life would be extremely disagreeable."

"If the Members will look at the portraits and engravings of their ancestors in Britain, they will see that the British Empire was built up, in the main, by fat men; and the founder of that Empire, Henry VIII, was the fattest of the lot."

"I am persuaded that if we are to get our people to work hard enough to re-build the strength and greatness of Britain, we must give them more to eat, whatever the physiologists may say."

Advisory Committee To Split Up

WASHINGTON, DEC. 15. THE FAR EAST ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS TO WORK BOTH IN JAPAN AND WASHINGTON. THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TO-NIGHT A SECTION OF THE COMMISSION WILL LEAVE FOR TOKYO ON DEC. 26.

The committees of the Commission will be: (1) Basic policies and objectives. Chairman, Sir Frederick Ashton, Australian Minister to the United States. (2) Economic problems. Chairman, Sir George Sansom, head of the British Delegation. (3) Strengthening of democratic processes. Chairman, Mr. Reid Oakland. (4) Constitutional reforms. Chairman, Sir Shankar Bajpai, Agent-General for India in Washington. (5) War Criminals. Chairman, Dr. Ku Shin, Chinese Ambassador to Canada.

Mr. Edwin W. Pauley, President Truman's adviser on reparations, is to report to the Commission next week and two members of his staff will join the section going to Japan. Reuter.

San Francisco Sees Signs of Reform

SAN FRANCISCO, DEC. 15. FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE DAYS THE "SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE" LOOKED FAVOURABLY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN JAPAN—COMMENDING AN UNIDENTIFIED LETTER WRITER IN THE "ASAHI".

The "Asahi" quoted yesterday from a letter where a Japanese writer bitterly asked the Fascists to clear out of Japan because they were a "hindrance to our coming effort in trying to build a peaceful and better Japan."

The "Chronicle" commented: "There is a ring of sincerity in those words."

"We like to think that this man's average Japanese attitude has always been the same and that up to now he simply has not had a chance to voice his views."

"That view of the Japanese masses at least merits study because, if true, our job in Japan is going to be a great deal easier."

To-day the "Chronicle" in its editorial said: "Revolutionary seems to be the word for current thought in Japan, what with the Emperor's divinity openly questioned the other day and now an article in the 'Asahi' proposing that Japa-

nese learn to say 'Yes' and 'No'. The 'Asahi' has something there, we think. But we think that the 'Asahi' went a little overboard for Indo-European clarity.—Associated Press.

FILIPINOS TAKE OVER

Manila, Dec. 15. Responsibility for maintaining law and order in six Luzon provinces has been assumed from the military by the Philippine Commonwealth, the U.S. army western Pacific command announced to-day. Others will revert to Philippines administration at intervals.—Associated Press.

PHILIPPINE ELECTIONS

Washington, Dec. 15. President Truman to-day signed a resolution fixing the date for the Philippine national elections on April 30 or earlier should the Commonwealth Congress so decide. The new Congress would take office not later than May 28.—Associated Press.

Far East To-day As The Powder-Keg Of World

England Emerging Out Of Philistinism

London, Dec. 13. "Philistinism," a word dear to the Nineteenth Century critic, has long been a reproach levelled against the British. It is only fair to say they have been foremost among their own accusers, and that they have accepted the reproach with a certain amount of chagrin.

Certainly this country has lived with regard to aesthetic feeling through a sort of Dark Ages, in which the progressive artist was regarded with suspicion; vast expenditures went to the erection of ugly public buildings, homes did not aspire to beauty, and either ostentation or sentiment governed so-called taste. For that bad period there are psychological and historical reasons of which the more ones are the re-emergence of the uglier aspects Puritanism, and distorted values created by industrialism.

The most happy aspect of present day in Great Britain is that enjoyment of the arts in one form or another plays an increasingly large part in the life of the ordinary citizen. On his side the artist—whether he be a writer, painter, musician or dramatist—is coming more than half-way to meet the public. Instead of isolating himself in small cliques and practising what appeared from the outside to be the mystery of a creative religion, he shows himself ready to fill the place that society is progressively more prepared to accord him.

HEALED AND EXALTED

How has this change come about? Has it required two world wars to make art an organic part of British society? One cannot deny that by the ordeal we have just passed through the materialistic content—already challenged by the ordeals of 1914-18—has been shaken to its base.

Death and destruction, the necessity for each individual to face the terrible possibilities of his own destiny, have brought true values in life into greater prominence.

In his search for a fortress, the individual has turned to literature, painting and music. He has—without surplus but immense reassurance—found in works of art offer by centuries older than himself, the answer to questions he had thought forced themselves for the first time on his generation. That which cannot be analysed, some line in a poem, some mysterious effect in a picture, some phrase in music, has at once healed and exalted him. Also—and this is less important—recourse to art as a storehouse of human experience has broken down the loneliness of the individual.

Peace has fortified hope. It does not seem likely that in the years to come the British people will again cut themselves off from what they have found to be the source of abundant life. What is

THE FAR EAST WAS DESCRIBED AS THE "POWDER KEG" OF THE WORLD BY LIEUTENANT L. J. A. CALLAGHAN, LABOUR M. P. FOR CARDIFF, LAST NIGHT CRITICISED AMERICAN POLICY IN CHINA AND JAPAN.

HE ALLEGED THAT THE AMERICANS HAD FAILED TO DISARM THE MANY JAPANESE AND CHINESE IN CHINA AND MANCHURIA, AND SEEMED PREPARED TO SUPPORT GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK IN HIS POLICY OF INCORPORATING THE PUPPET ARMIES, WHO FORMERLY FOUGHT WITH THE JAPANESE, INTO THE NATIONALIST ARMY TO FIGHT AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS, AND SUPPORT HIM IN HIS APPOINTMENT OF PRO-JAPANESE OFFICIALS.

He said that the Americans had set out on a plan of economic aggression in the Far East and their policy would prolong the civil war.

"I think we ought to do two things," he said. "First, the Americans should withdraw their troops from Manchuria and, secondly, the United Nations Organisation, or 'Big Three,' should be responsible for conducting free democratic elections in China throughout the whole area."

In Japan, he said, Prince Kanoye was still committed to assume the voice of the throne.

Replying on behalf of the Government, the Minister of State, Mr. Noel-Baker, said that world peace depended on the willingness of the powers in the Far East to adjust their differences by frank discussion.

He added: "The United States Government has shown itself anxious to solve the difficulties of the Military Government in Japan with its allies. There is no suggestion that final decisions of policy will be taken about Japan by the American Government without consultation with her allies."

Expressing the hope that China would receive a loan from the United States for reconstruction, Mr. Noel-Baker said that he failed to understand what Lieutenant Callaghan wanted the Government to do about "those so-called Chinese Communists."

He declared that the "Government are anxious that all difficulties in China shall be solved without further bloodshed, but these are in the last resort matters for the Chinese themselves."

"I am quite certain that it would not be in the general interests of the world if anybody attempted to obstruct the re-occupation of Manchuria by the forces of the Government whom we recognise to-day."—Reuter.

best of all, because it is realistic, is that people are realising they have the responsibility of patrons. Upkeep of cultural amenities needs money; the State cannot be a donor to a massive public, indirectly, but no less really, the taxpayer and ratepayer gives his share towards the galleries and museums that stand open free, the exhibitions of great modern pictures that tour the country, the subsidised concerts and performances of ballets and plays. It is the ordinary man who will be the buyer of those large low-priced editions of British and Continental classics—novels, poetry "belles lettres"—that are to be issued by British publishers as soon as paper supplies permit.

WALLS BEFORE PICTURES

Of the actual term "culture" the British will, I suppose, always fight shy. Its hint of self-conscious pretension will always be foreign to them. Attraction towards the arts through the idea of pleasure-stimulation and—when necessary—consolation comes more naturally. There will always be proportion of the community for whom appropriate work, home life and sport are sufficient. But the habit of pleasure-seeking in any one direction, once formed, grows. Culture is after all a habit of having access to only the pleasures that do not fail, pall or decay.

At this immediate time, in the throes for Britain of re-adjustment after the war, it is our practical need that first are in evidence. We need for instance, houses, before we can hang pictures on their walls. It would be absurd to ignore life's material basis.

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Most Desperate Man In England

The most desperate man in Britain is a hunted man who is trying to evade capture until another man is hanged.

Robert Blaine, aged 24, a soldier, found guilty of murder, and sentenced to death by Mr. Justice Humphreys, now sits in the condemned cell.

His evidence may be vital to the conviction of the other man being hunted throughout Britain and Ireland and who speaks with a Scottish accent.

If the fugitive can keep out of the hands of the law until Blaine is hanged it may mean the gift of life to him.

Blaine is to die for the murder in Soho of Capt. John Alexander Ritchie, whom he and another man alleged to have chosen at random to rob, after striking him to the ground with a brick.

The search for the second man has gone on for months. Unless Blaine appeals, he will see only two more Sundays. He is unlikely to appeal, but the authorities, faced with the problem of seeing justice done to both men, may decide to reprieve Blaine, to get his evidence.

HOUSE OF PEERS TO REMAIN

Tokyo, Dec. 14. Premier Shidehara's promise for revision of the House of Peers next year does not include a plan to make the Upper Chamber completely elective, said government sources today.

While the present Cabinet has not completed concrete revision of the scheme those sources indicated that the government is proceeding on the theory of continuing with the House of Peers as an "arbitrary check" chamber which is not responsible to the electorate at large. Associated Press.

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GURKHAS KILLED AT SOCCER GAME

THE PARIS RADIO REPORTS THAT TEN GURKHAS OF THE 21ST INDIAN DIVISION WERE KILLED BY AN-NAMITES AT A FOOTBALL MATCH IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF SAIGON.

The weapons used were grenades. Meanwhile, French troops are continuing mopping-up operations between Cholon and the Mekong river, the Radio said.—Reuter.

England Going All Old Fashioned

The plump little man in gold-rimmed spectacles stood up before his self-conscious audience and said: "You'll all be able to do the Lamberts quite easily if you follow these cardinal points."

He gave a few simple directions, then cautioned: "Remember your number so when I call it out you'll know what to do."

It was Saturday night in a Lower Regent Street, London, cinema where the B.B.C. broadcasts its nostalgic programme, "Those Were the Days." The speaker was Mr. Jack Latimer, 72, president of the British Association of Teachers of Dancing, who, more than anyone, is responsible for the revival of interest in old-fashioned dancing which is sweeping Britain.

IT'S QUITE SIMPLE. With a flourish, Harry Davidson's orchestra swept into a spirited Kerry Mills waltz.

Nervously, then with increasing assurance, the dancers obeyed Mr. Latimer's commands: "It's quite a simple movement. One-two; one-two. Four ladies advance to the centre, curtsy, and retire; four gentlemen, advance, bow and retire. Now, circle your partner's waist."

Among the dancers were 12 members of the East Barnet Women's Bowling Club, a party major, two sailors and three killed girls from Glasgow.

"The Lamberts over, 60-year-old Mrs. Beatrice Kempton smoothed her white hair and said: "Jitter-bugging is all right for youngsters but not for us. I like old-fashioned dancing because it has more steps than ordinary modern dancing."

So did Mrs. Marjorie Say, whose husband had stayed at home in Potter's Bar to look after their six-year-old daughter while his wife had her first night out in five years.

"I think the old dances help to get people together because you don't just dance with one partner," said Mrs. Say. "Ladies and Gentles." It was the indefatigable Mr. Latimer again. "We will now perform a waltz. After that a barn dance, then a waltz schottische." In 30 minutes the dancers had learned all the steps.

READY FOR THE AIR

It was seven o'clock and at a signal from Stanton Jefferies, the producers, the live broadcast began. When it was over Mr. Latimer patted his brow with his handkerchief and said: "It's a labour of love. Seventy-five per cent. of those people haven't danced for years. But you saw how they went through the steps perfectly."

Afterwards he said: "We've been broadcasting this programme for over two years and we know we've helped to start a revival of the old dances, especially in the North. We know that from the letters. And we have a waiting list of over 1,000 people who would like to come here and dance."

"After all, the old dances have their advantages. When it is done well jitter-bugging is really clever but the real trouble with it is it interferes with the other dances."

Characters In Places

1: A Merchant In Port Said

It is said of Orientals that only those who are extremely stubborn achieve success. Where price is fixed to a great extent by the favour or disfavour existing between buyer and seller, where goods are sold by barter and where customers are then persistence becomes a necessity to the merchant.

Such a merchant is Jim Irish, whom I first saw as my ship was entering Port Said harbour.

Sitting on a bright Oriental cushion in his well-scrubbed boat fanning himself with a palm leaf and sheltered from the intense heat of the sun by a multi-coloured umbrella, he appeared at first sight, to be exactly like one of the opulent Venetian merchants of yore.

This illusion was partially dispelled soon after. As he drew closer, the sign of modernity was observed. A small board, nailed to the side of his boat, announced: "Welcome, Navy, Army, R.A.F."

His face expressed his genuine welcome. Beneath his heavy moustache, his gold-filled teeth were shown prominently in a wide jaw, while his whole rotund body seemed to quiver with the expectancy of business. His appearance was bizarre, but strangely enough the enormous scarlet bow-tie and the dangling gold watch-chain he wore, did not appear at all incongruous.

He patiently awaited the ship's final positioning. Of the sweating exertions of his two native servants who are endeavouring with a good measure of success, to keep pace with the meanderings of the ship, he seemed entirely oblivious. Occasionally, he roused himself to give instructions to one of his servants and thereafter become curiously concerned with the

reply—as though he was the director of a play, listening to a rehearsal of one of the principal actors.

The ship was tied up to a buoy, the gangway was down, the ship's cutters were way to the shore. "Still Jim Irish drifted in his little boat; eventually, with an admirable choice of the correct moment, he contrived to drift towards the bottom of the gangway.

His approach had doubtless been observed, yet his call: "Canteen Manager!" brought forth no response. From the

BY
JAMES F. FORREST

bottom of the gangway, rose the cry again: "Canteen Manager!"

Again the call was ignored. There was a note of desperation in the third attempt which met with equal success. With an attitude of resignation, Jim Irish reclined once more on his cushion and for a few minutes he remained in conference with his servants. Suddenly like a conjuror, one of the servants produced a large bundle of newspapers which he handed to his master.

The Commander appeared on the gangway. Jim Irish immediately jumped up, caught his attention and flourishing the newspaper, shouted: "News, papers, newspapers—Canteen Manager—newspapers."

The Commander knew. The Commander understood but there had been no newspapers on board for a long time.

He courteously invited Mr. Irish to come on board and in the little boat at the bottom of

the gangway, anxious looks were replaced by smiles.

Now Jim Irish stooped and presently he emerged from beneath his seat with two exquisitely-decorated baskets. The small one seemed to hold an apple, an orange, a banana and a few grapes, whilst the larger one appeared to contain a still greater variety of fruit, gaily decorated with coloured wrappings, and attractive-looking boxes of dates.

Thus laden and accompanied by the servant who had previously been so carefully rehearsed, he tripped up the gangway to do business, with his presents as samples of his wares.

Later on, I discovered that Jim Irish is one of the most influential native personages in the city of Port Said.

Though cartels may mean little to him, he owns monopolies galore and it is rumoured that he controls everything from guns to butter.

Eastern princesses have been known to dote upon him; admirals to frown upon him. For those who have his favour is unbounded, yet his disarming factor is that he is of the people. His name is certainly respected, if not admired, among men in Port Said. From the big business man to the lowliest street-vendor, the name of Jim Irish is a bye-word for merchandise.

His business acumen is remarkable—so remarkable in fact, that the prices of his goods are extortionate.

To the serviceman, eager for the small luxuries of life, there yet remains a streak of the Venetian merchant in Jim Irish, for indeed "the quality of mercy is not strained."

Britain and America In Full Agreement

WASHINGTON, DEC. 15. THE STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY DISCLOSED THE TEXT OF A NOTE RECEIVED FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE EXPRESSING ENTIRE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES VIEW THAT PERSIA SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE ITS OWN FORCES WHEREVER AND IN WHATEVER MANNER IS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE AUTHORITY AND SECURITY.

THE NOTE REITERATED, HOWEVER, THAT BRITISH TROOPS COULD NOT BE WITHDRAWN WITHOUT SIMILAR RUSSIAN ACTION.

The note recalled that the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, urged at the London meeting of Foreign Ministers that the British and Soviet should agree to withdraw by the middle of December their respective forces from the whole of Persia, except certain defined zones for the disposal of surplus property and installations.

Earlier this week, the Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, disclosed that the British Government is already negotiating directly with Moscow on the matter, which will be discussed at the Moscow meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the "Big Three."

"The Soviet Government was unable to accept the proposal; nonetheless, Britain proceeded with the arrangements suggested in their proposal to the Soviet Government," said the British note.

Declaring that the British view was that Allied troops should be stationed in Persia for war purposes only, the note continued: "Therefore, upon receipt of the United States proposal that all Allied troops should be withdrawn from Persia by Jan. 1946 Britain, as a matter of urgency, commenced examination of the practicability of withdrawing her forces by that date."

"Britain entirely agrees with the view contained in the Declaration of Töhrten of Dec. 1, 1943 that the Government of Iran should have full freedom to move armed forces in such strength as considered necessary in order to preserve authority and maintain security,"—Reuter.

THEFT FROM HOTEL

Lau Lung, described as a travelling trader, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with larceny of clothing and a bed sheet from the Sun Ah Hotel, Des Voeux Road Central.

Accused admitted the charge. Defendant was arrested in Wing Lok Street near Hillier Street by a Chinese detective who searched him and found the hotel mark on the bed sheet.

According to Sub-Inspector Fong, there had been many thefts from hotels recently and it is believed that the thieves operated under a leader somewhere in the Colony. He asked the Court to take a serious view of the case.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

COMPARISON ODIOUS

Yonan, Dec. 14. The commander of the Shindang Communist "Night Tigers" battalion expressed the belief that Japanese troops are better fighters than Chungking Government or puppet forces under the Japanese.

The "Night Tigers" have fought them all in seven years of conflict.—Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

West doubled—three no-trump because he expected North to run out to four of a minor; and then West would pass, content to defend against a part-score contract. But North's unexpected redouble gave West a salutary lesson. He was fortunate that South encountered such trouble in getting from one hand to other that he lost the contract.

North, Dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

S—A
H—4 2
D—K Q 10 8 5
C—A J 8 7 4

S—J 9 6 3
H—J 10 8 7
D—A J 9
C—Q 9

S—10 5 4
H—A 9 5
D—7 6 3
C—K 6 5 2

S—K Q 8 7 3
H—K Q 6 3
D—4 2
C—10 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1 D. Pass 1 S. Pass
2 C. Pass 2 NT. Pass
3 C. Pass 3 NT. Dbl.
Red bl. Pass Pass Pass

West opened the Jack of hearts, East winning the Ace, to return the heart nine. South won with the heart King and wondered how to go about matters. It was too dangerous to cash the Queen of hearts, yet how was he ever going to get back to his own hand? And if he never got back, he might never be able to make use of the heart Queen or the spade honours.

For lack of anything better, he led a diamond from his hand. West played the nine, and South made the fatal error of putting up dummy's Queen. His best chance for the contract was to finesse the ten, at once precisely because he might never have another chance to lead diamonds from the South hand.

The spade Ace was next cashed, and a low club returned. East ducked, and South's ten forced out West's club Queen. West returned a club, and dummy's finesse lost to East's King. East realised what was going on, so returned a club, forcing dummy into the lead. Dummy cashed the club, but was then obliged to lead diamonds; and West made two diamond tricks to defeat the contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

S—A 7
H—9 7 4
D—K 8 6 5 3
C—A K 2

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You Burnstone
1 H. Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds. Despite the considerable high-card strength, the hand is not strong enough for a jump-bid. The best course is to make an exploratory bid and show the strength later on.

Score 100 per cent for two diamonds, 60 per cent for three diamonds, 40 per cent for two no-trump, 30 per cent for three no-trump.

QUESTION

To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner, and with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

S—A J
H—10 7
D—K 10 9 7 4
C—A K J

The bidding:
Maier Jacob You Burnstone
1 H. Pass (?)
What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow.)

Warning Given By Indian Leader

LONDON, DEC. 15. WARDS CIVIL WAR IF THE PRESENT TREND OF PROPAGANDA BETWEEN CONGRESS AND THE MUSLIM LEAGUE CONTINUES, WAS GIVEN TODAY BY MR. V. B. KARNIK, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INDIAN FEDERATION OF LABOUR.

He was speaking at a reception in London given for himself and for the General Secretary of the Indian Colliery Workers' Union.

"Falling voices and further unemployment are going to be our lot in India for the next year or so," said Mr. Karnik.

"The condition of miners is anything but human," and I am worried about the grim prospects that lie ahead.

"I am more worried about poli-

tical happenings in India. The elections, which the British Government have decided to hold, are not going to decide the issue, because they will not be representative of the people of India. "We need a political party based on social and economic issues. We are trying to develop such a Socialist Party in India, and I hope we shall get the active support of the Labour Government of Great Britain and other countries."—Reuter.

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Unpleasant Incidents At
King's Park

A MATCH BETWEEN 42 R.M. COMMANDO AND KWONG
WAH YESTERDAY, MARRIED BY ROUGH PLAY AND
A SERIES OF UNPLEASANT DISPUTES THROUGH-
OUT, CAME TO AN END FIVE MINUTES BEFORE
THE FINAL WHISTLE WITH THE CHINESE TEAM
WALKING OFF THE FIELD.

KWONG WAH WALKED OFF FOLLOWING A DISPUTE
BETWEEN CHINESE AND COMMANDO SPECTATORS
WHEN THE SCORE WAS 3-0 IN FAVOUR OF THE
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ED WHEN THE LARGE CROWD SURGED OVER THE
FIELD.

About 7,000 were present
when the game started at the
Kwong Wah ground at King's
Park.

Kwong Wah pressed from the
start and gave was frequently
tested in the Commando goal
mouth. Commandos rallied and
attacked in their turn but half
time came with no score by either
side.

Commandos were soon on the
offensive in the second half and
play started to get rough. Young
Tse Tsang, Kwong Wah's right-
half, was injured, and some of the
Chinese appeared to take the in-
cident as intentional.

NEARLY A FIGHT

In a mix-up in front of the
Commando goal a Chinese specta-
tor became involved and a fight
nearly broke out.

Sheratt netted twice for Com-
mandos and Hitchen added a third.
It was shortly after this that a
quarrel broke out on the sidelines
between rival spectators and, with
five minutes to go, the Kwong Wah
team walked off the field.

42 R.M. Commandos: Cavey,
Lloyd and Davies; McKenzie, Dob-
son and Potts; Hall, Hitchen,
Sheratt, Mellisham and McKenzie.
Kwong Wah: Lee Kwok-kee;
Wong Shun-kee and Ho Kar-keung;
Yeung Tse Tsang, Lau Chung-
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Dock; Tongareva, Kowloon 5N;
Wing Sang, O.S.K. West.

Task Force 72: Sibony, M3;
Pudgot Sound, E6; Balrook, E10
Task Force 74: Charleston,
B2; Vestal, U.S. Anchorage; Bran-
son, B3; Calaba, U.S. Anchorage;
Dufillo, B17; Harris, U.S. An-
chorage; B17; Munro, U.S. An-
chorage; B17; Munro, U.S. An-
chorage; Pengannat, D6; See-
honk, U.S. Anchorage; Tangier,
Kowloon Bay E8; Wabash, U.S.
Anchorage.

Montclair, No. 6; Aorangi, A4;
Artifex, Dockyard North Arm;
Dullisk Cove, on Diligence; Dil-
gence, Maches Wharf East; Em-
pire Clyde, A7.

CHINESE GUESTS ON

BOARD H.M.S. ANSON

The Ceremony of Sunset was
carried out aboard H.M.S. Anson
yesterday for the benefit of large
numbers of visitors, largely pro-
minent Chinese residents of the
Colony, who had been invited out
to inspect the battleship.

Tea was served in the ward-
room and parties were conducted
through the ship. Towards even-
ing the sunset lowering of the
colours, with bugles blowing and
the band playing, was carried out
with impressive ceremonial. H.E.
the C-in-C, Rear-Admiral C. H.
J. Harcourt, was among those
who attended.

CORRESPONDENCE

LIVING SPACE

Sir,—You refer in your leader
to-day to the Service encroach-
ment on the commercial district of
the Colony, pointing out that this
will raise serious problems in the
New Year.

But is not the occupation of the
biggest part of the available
European residences and private
hotels a matter equally warranting
investigation as to whether it is
not going beyond necessities?

When Hong Kong's European
community begins to come back
they will want not only offices, but
also places in which to live. So
few European houses survived the
years of looting and pillage—and
they only because they happened to
be occupied by Japanese—that
they should at least be de-requirit-
tioned at the earliest possible
moment.

What I cannot follow is this:
What would the Services have
done if, on coming into the Colony,
they had found these places oc-
cupied by lawful tenants? They
would have found some other
means of accommodating them-
selves. It is fair to ask therefore
that they search themselves to see
what they would have done in
these circumstances, and then go
and do it.

A. J. P.

ANOTHER COMPLAINT

Sir, I sincerely hope that your
correspondent's article on the sub-
ject of prostitution in residential
districts, which appeared in your
issue of December 14th, will bring
forth prompt and effective action
from the powers that be.

There is no denying the fact
that the present state of affairs
is a disgrace, and never toler-
ated before in this Colony. Hill-
wood Road, Kowloon, where we
live, was, in pre-war days, a
respectable residential quarter
but to-day it is a beehive of
brothels. Here one's sleep is broken
at 5 o'clock every morning by
the pangs of cyclists who tout
for fares from servicemen who,
presumably, have not obtained
"sleeping-out" permission and
must sneak in to their billets
before daybreak.

I fail to see why Government
cannot set up a "red-light" dis-
trict, and with the closing of
these prostitutes from their
present quarters many more flats
will be made available to these
law-abiding citizens who are now
desperately looking for accommo-
dation.

ANOTHER DISGUSTED

CIVILIAN.

H.K.V.D.C. CLOTHING

ISSUE

Orders by Lt.-Col. E. J. R.
Mitchell, O.B.E., E.D., Command-
ing H.K.V.D.C. Order No. 75.
I, Charles Wives and Chil-
dren, H.K.V.D.C. The notice
which appeared recently in the
press with regard to the issue of
clothing to dependants of P.O.W.s,
etc. does not apply to H.K.V.D.C.
Those families H.K.V.D.C. who
will be permitted to draw cloth-
ing will be so notified by those
Headquarters in due course.

Under no circumstances will any
dependant H.K.V.D.C. report to
No. 4 R.A.P.W.I. Control.

MADISON SQ. BOUT

New York, Dec. 15.

Beau Jack (144 pounds) out-
pointed W. Joyce (137½ pounds)
in a ten round match at Madison
Square Garden last night.
Jack was always the aggressor
and never gave Joyce a chance—
Reuter.

PRES. GRANT DUE TO-DAY

The s.s. "Pres. Grant," which
left Shanghai on the 13th, is due
here at 6 o'clock this morning.
She is scheduled to return to
the States direct on Thursday.

Football League To
Start Shortly

A MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF FOOTBALL
CLUBS WAS HELD IN THE OFFICES OF MESSRS. LO
AND LO UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR.
WONG KA-TSUN IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOOT-
BALL LEAGUE WHICH WILL START SHORTLY.

It was decided that owing to
the short time left only one
round be played and that the
first games be played in the first
week of January.

Entries in the league were by
invitation and so far the follow-
ing teams have joined:—Navy
"A" and "B," 44 R.M. Com-
mandos, R.M. Commandos and
Royal Engineers, Royal Air
Force, (two teams) South
China, Sing Tao, Eastern and a
team composed of Civilians.

Though Kwong Wah were in-
vited they did not send a repre-
sentative to the meeting and it
is not known whether they will
be participating.

The draft rules of the League
were submitted to the meeting
and a sub-committee of Lieut.

Royal Navy
V. Chinese

The Charity football match in
aid of the China Relief Fund be-
tween Royal Navy and Combined
Chinese will be played this after-
noon at Causeway Bay Ground
at 3.30 p.m.

Mr. M. K. Lo, C.B.E. has
donated a cup which will be
presented to the winning team.
Major-General Chow Neung-pan of
the Chinese Military Mission will
kick off and the combined bands
of H.M.S. Anson and H.M.S. Ven-
geance will be in attendance.

Though both teams have made
a number of changes the game
should be very closely contested.
Royal Navy are fielding four new
players and MacAllister will not
be playing to-day.

The Chinese attack has been
greatly rearranged. Fung King-
cheong and Lai Shui-wing will
not be playing and the inside-
forwards will be Kwok Ying-kee
and Chau Man-chi with Lee Wal-
tung leading the attack. Hau
Chin-to, former Eastern and Inter-
port player, will be on the left
wing.

The following are the teams:—
Royal Navy:—Scorer (H.M.S.
Vengeance); Swash (H.M.S.
Tamar); Whiddett (H.M.S. Manx-
man); Dempsey (H.M.S. Hare);
Booth (H.M.S. Tamar) and Perry
("A" Co. R.E.); Martin (H.M.S.
Vengeance); Butt (H.M.S. Mont-
clair); Hunt (H.M.S. Anson);
Freeman (H.M.S. Nabatecher);
Hunter ("A" Co. R.M.E.).

Reserves:—Pontious (H.M.S. Ar-
tifex); Griffiths (H.M.S. Nabatecher); Alder (H.M.S. Hare)
and Bradley (R.M.T.B.).
Chinese:—Chu Shu-hang; Hau
Yung-sang and Lee Tak-kee, Lok
yue-Wah, Leung Wing-chiu and
Lo Wai-keen; Lau Chung-sang,
Kwok Ying-kee, Lee Wai-long
(Captain) Chau Man-chu and
Hau Ching-tao.

High Scoring
By Victoria

Melbourne, Dec. 15.
Victoria almost doubled Queens-
land's first innings 185 runs by
getting 375 in reply when their
four-day Inter-State cricket game
continued here to-day.

Queensland started their second
innings by making 185 runs for the
first of one wicket when Simpson
was dismissed. Victoria's first
innings was a brilliant display of
batting. The first innings was
totalled 375 not out, the second
innings for three and a half hours,
driving and cutting brilliantly.

Donald Forster made 77
and the old Test player, Barnett,
kicking mark in his third game
since being a prisoner-of-war in
Japanese hands for three years,
made an entertaining 59. He
made some nice late cuts to the
leg.

Don Tallon was in his usual
form behind the stumps, catching
two and stumping one. The young
all-rounder, Carriker took three
wickets for 17 runs.

The Queensland opening bat, W.
A. Brown, a Test player, was
slightly indisposed and Cook and
William Morris opened, with
Morris hitting a dashing 48.
Reuter.

GRAIN PRICES BREAK

Chicago, Dec. 15.

Rye futures broke sharply
yesterday after holding fractional
gains most of the session and
carried all other grains, except
barley, below the previous day's
final quotations.

Wheat closed unchanged to 1/2
cent lower. December being quoted
at 180-112, May 180-112, July 177-
3/8 and September 174-5/8 cents
per bushel.—Associated Press.

COLOMBO CRICKET

Colombo, Dec. 15.

Australian Services were all
out for 306 in their game against
Ceylon yesterday. Ceylon had
taken 24 wickets for three wickets at the
close of play.—Reuter.

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DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A HERO Jap. Naval Officer Makes Strange Picture

I DEAD IN KOWLOON TRUCK SMASH

A CHINESE SOLDIER WAS KILLED AND SIX OTHERS INJURED, AND A ROYAL MARINE INJURED, IN A COLLISION BETWEEN TWO TRUCKS IN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD YESTERDAY MORNING.

The accident occurred at the junction of Waterloo and Prince Edward Roads shortly before 8 a.m. and involved a three-ton British naval lorry and a Dodge truck belonging to the Chinese army.

The British vehicle, driven by Marine Willetta of 11 M.S. Nab-catcher, was travelling down Prince Edward Road and was half way across the junction of Waterloo Road when the smash occurred.

The Chinese army truck, driven by a Chinese soldier and with 10 other Chinese troops on board, hit the naval lorry broad-side.

Force of the impact was such that the naval vehicle was knocked over on its side and skidded some distance. Both vehicles were badly damaged.

MINOR INCIDENT
The Chinese soldier driver was killed instantly and six of the Chinese soldiers riding in the truck were injured. Marine Willetta received injuries to his face.

The injured were rushed to Kowloon Hospital, where their condition is stated to be not serious.

A minor incident occurred after the smash involving one of the Chinese soldiers, who were armed. The soldier, apparently affected by the smash, jumped off the truck and leveled a loaded rifle at Marine Willetta.

Prompt intervention by an Indian army sergeant settled the incident which for a minute or two appeared as if it might develop.

SEVEN-HOUR HANGING

HAMBURG, DEC. 15. JOSEPH KRAMER, FILE "BEAST OF BILSEN" AND HIS BLONDE SUBORDINATE, 22 YEAR-OLD IRMA GRESE, AND NINE OTHERS OF THE NOTORIOUS BELSEN GANG WERE HANGED IN LITTLE LESS THAN SEVEN HOURS ON TWIN GALLIES IN THE TOWN OF HAMLIN.

Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery's Headquarters announced that the death sentences pronounced a month ago by the British Military Court at Luneburg had been carried out.

The men were hanged in pairs and the women singly. Associated Press.

FANCY BROCHURE

Washington, Dec. 15. Secretary of War Patterson today challenged the new Navy national security plan as a "diversionary effort" to beat the armed service unification and asked his press conference who was paying for the "fancy brochure" to champion the proposal. Associated Press.

Rebel Tribesmen Score Persian Success

TEHERAN, DEC. 15. THE LOCAL AUTONOMY MOVEMENT IN AZERBAIJAN PROVINCE IS REPORTED TO BE IN VIRTUAL CONTROL OF TABRIZ. TWO-THOUSAND REBELLIOUS TRIBESMEN HAVE DEMANDED THE IMMEDIATE SURRENDER OF THE GOVERNMENT GARRISON AT ARDABIL 110 MILES TO THE EAST.

A high Iranian Government source said the fall of the two cities appeared imminent.

Government troops in both cities are said to be awaiting orders from Teheran, instructing them whether to fight or yield in face of superior forces.

Orders were despatched to them in code on Thursday night but their nature has not been disclosed.

A spokesman at the British and United States Embassies said that a Russian plane carried Ambassador Sir Reader Bullard and a United States Embassy representative, John Jernegan, toward Moscow, "obviously" to discuss the Soviet attitude towards the revolt. Associated Press.

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"Indianapolis" Court Martial

WASHINGTON, DEC. 15. COMMANDER IKO HASHIMOTO, WHO THE JAPANESE SAY SANK THE CRUISER "INDIANAPOLIS," LOOKS AND ACTS JUST ABOUT THE EXACT REVERSE OF WHAT THE AVERAGE AMERICAN EXPECTS IN A NAVAL OFFICER. THROUGHOUT HIS TESTIMONY YESTERDAY AT THE COURT MARTIAL HEARING OF CAPT. CHARLES MCVEY III, THE UNOBTUSIVE LITTLE OFFICER SAT ON THE EDGE OF THE CHAIR AND SPOKE SO QUIETLY THAT TWO INTERPRETERS HAD TO STRAIN TO HEAR.

HE TESTIFIED WITHOUT EMOTION, SHOWING NEITHER PRIDE NOR HUMILITY. HE MADE A SOMEWHAT STRANGE PICTURE SITTING THERE IN A CHAIR TOO BIG FOR HIM AND PANTS TOO SMALL.

The prosecution concluded its case today in the court-martial which accuses Captain McVey of negligence and inefficiency in the loss of the heavy U.S. cruiser Indianapolis last July 30.

As final direct evidence the prosecution offered paraphrased transcripts of official secret records substantiating earlier testimony that warning of submarine contact near her course had been transmitted to the cruiser.

The defense will start the presentation of its testimony on Saturday.

The "Indianapolis" loss was one of the navy's worst war time disasters, and it came only two weeks before the war's end, making it doubly ironic.

GRAPHIC STORY
At the time the navy announced the loss, the American magazine "Newsweek" gave the following graphic description of the tragedy:

"The 9,560-ton cruiser 'Indianapolis' delivered the first atomic bomb materials to Guam, then steamed unescorted for Leyte. Shortly after midnight on July 30, two explosions caused by what were believed to be torpedoes ripped open her bow. The flagship of the Fifth Fleet—Admiral Raymond A. Spruance and his staff were not aboard—went down in 15 minutes without even being able to send out an S.O.S."

"The survivors' stories were among the most gruesome and pitiful to come out of the war. Burned and battered men were temporarily insane during the next four broiling hot days and cold nights in the water."

"A sailor shouted that he had seen an island on which the Semboes were drinking huge glasses of tomato juice. A hundred men swam madly toward the mythical island, many never to return."

INCOHERENT BATTLE
"Another sailor said the 'Indianapolis' was floating just beneath the surface and he had gone aboard for milk."

"Some slipped out of their life-jackets and drowned. Others died from exhaustion. Men cried and babbled incoherently from the pain of infected wounds, broken bones and swollen faces."

A navy Ventura on a routine search flight spotted survivors on the morning of August 2, and the navy sent rescue planes and ships from Ulithi, Peleliu and Leyte. It was 107 hours after the sinking before the 316 survivors were picked up.

"In one of the navy's worst disasters so close to the war's end."

Accused was under arrest for five days. He had pointed that his arrest should be with a view to a trial and protested by way of formal complaints.

SUDDEN IMPACT
It was a fair implication for accused to draw from the fact that his C.O. had made no remarks whatsoever when he handed him the certificate of conduct and that this certificate was a good character reference. The unfounded allegation of a "weak character" came to accused on the quarter deck as forcibly and as violently as the sudden impact of a blow in an unguarded moment.

Was it surprising therefore that accused should have flown into an ungovernable fit or resentment and in that uncontrollable moment show his resentment of the unfairness by tearing the piece of paper and returning it to the sender?

In conclusion Mr. Silva said: "If you do not hold with me that the provocation shown was in complete justification of the offence charged so that not even a technical offence has been committed, I ask you to rule that on the evidence before you, such a high case has been shown of provocation that the commission of the offence amounts only to the technical commission of the charge as laid—of such infinitesimal criminal value in the eyes of the law as to merit the whole case being placed on the legal basis of a frivolous and vexatious charge and of the charge, therefore, being dismissed accordingly."

At the conclusion of the case, the President of the Court congratulated Mr. Silva on his very good defence.

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Marshall Gets Last Minute Instructions

WASHINGTON, DEC. 15. GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL WILL LEAVE BY PLANE AT 9 A.M. E.S.T. ON SATURDAY, WEATHER PERMITTING, FOR HIS SPECIAL DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT IN CHINA.

The new Ambassador to Chungking called at the White House and spent 15 minutes with President Truman in final consultation. Press Secretary Charles Ross said that Marshall will take a direct flight to Chungking.

President Truman will issue a public statement on which the directive is based. Ross said that the 1,000 to 1,500 word statement will be released on Sunday.

Marshall will be accompanied by both his military aide and State Department attache. He expects to reach Chungking next Thursday. Associated Press.

They have to put up with friends or find quarters in crowded billets. Hotels now are always full.

Canton prices are rising steadily, but the Americans say the scale still is lower than Hong Kong or Shanghai or Chungking.

It is a common sight to see Americans whisking Cantonese girls about the city in their jeeps, and there never has been any indication of resentment about it among the populace, as was reported from some interior Chinese cities.

There now are nearly 200 American officers and men in Canton. They belong to the transport command and the strategic service unit.

The Canton liaison group was known formerly as the China combat command, which was assigned to train, equip and advise Chinese troops.

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Tragic Toll

Paiping, Dec. 15. Maj. Gen. Kelley E. Roakey, U.S. marine corps commander in North China, today told three missing and two injured and still in the interior, as a result of crashes of six Hordiver planes during a snowstorm Dec. 8. Searchers have sighted five planes in Communist-held territory. Associated Press.

Four Months To Devise India Plan

London, Dec. 15. The real cause of the growing bitterness and suspicion in India is that the Indians "have no belief that we really mean to put out way through the tangle of the communal impasse," states the New Statesman and Nation, in its editorial columns today.

"The difficulty over Pakistan, if it should turn out to be the inevitable solution, is not to concede it in principle but to work it out in detail," adds the paper.

"A solution cannot be improvised; yet as we view the future it is probable that the Government will have to propose one."

"It has four months before it but no longer in which to devise a plan. It cannot allow such a deadlock to hold up a solution."

"One point clearly brought out by the Government statement on India a week ago was that Britain had no intention of abandoning India to chaos and civil war if no solution to the constitutional deadlock can be found."

"If this threat—never very keenly felt by the Indians themselves—is abandoned it is hard to see what weapons not already used are left to the Government to induce an agreement between the communities."—Reuter.

Washington, Dec. 15. The House of Representatives yesterday voting 254 to 128 approved the Bill acting forth the government policy of maintaining a high level of employment, production and purchasing power pending the measure to the Senate-House Conference.

The Senate passed the controversial modified version of the Administration's full employment measure last October. The House rejected this measure in favour of the Bill. Associated Press.

Melbourne, Dec. 15. The Australian Wool Board is shipping 200 bales of wool for distribution by the Indian Red Cross in the cottage spinning and weaving industries in Bengal. The gift is the result of a suggestion by the Governor of Bengal. Reuter.

LEI CHI WAI, HUNG CHOL AND LEE SANG WERE CHARGED BEFORE LT. NIGEL YESTERDAY WITH BREAKING INTO THE MILITARY MEDICAL STORES AT THE CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL AND WITH ATTEMPTED LARCENY ON FRIDAY MORNING.

L.A.O. Arbon, giving evidence, said that at 7.05 a.m. he went to the C.B.S. and saw a Chinese running away from the premises. He suspected there were more in the building and, looking through the window, saw the three accused inside.

The room, in which over \$20,000 worth of medicine was stored was heavily with fumes as one of the bottles had been overturned.

He called L.A.O. L. H. Matt and when the fumes had cleared they went in and arrested the accused.

All pleaded guilty but said that they had not stolen anything. The first two were each sentenced to three months' hard labour. Third accused stated he was only 15 years old and sentence was postponed in his case.

ONE OF THE MINOR WAYS IN WHICH ENGLISH SOCIAL HABITS HAVE BEEN MODIFIED BY THE WAR IS THAT STRANGERS ARE NO LONGER SHY OF GETTING INTO CONVERSATION.

This is partly because public transport is at present so crowded, that dignified aloofness would seem ridiculous, and partly because the people of Britain as a whole have been so imbued in these six years with a sense of the common tasks and dangers shared that many minor conventions have disappeared.

During the week-end I had occasion to visit a scene of ancient English history. Battle Abbey, built by William the Conqueror in 1067, near Hastings, to commemorate the last successful invasion of England.

In the train I got talking with a tough wrinkled little man of over 60. He was wearing the uniform of a subaltern of the Royal Engineers.

ONLY COMPLAINT
His history was not unusual by present standards. An Engineer, he had joined the Army and had been captured in Hong Kong.

Three-and-a-half years of brutality and semi-starvation in a Japanese prison camp had not spoiled his good nature. His only complaint was that after 30 years in the East he had few contacts left in England, and was impatient to get back to his work out there.

Some \$40,000,000 has been set aside by the Kwantung Provincial Bank and the Farmers Bank, to be made available to Kwantung farmers who may require financial assistance to tide them over this winter, according to a report from Canton.

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General Aung San, President of the Burma League, told Reuter today: "The Governor's recent speech at Mandalay, that the door is still open for the League's participation in the Executive Council, is only eye-wash."

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WASHINGTON, DEC. 15. IMPATIENCE WITH THE PEARL HARBOUR COMMITTEE OVER THE TIME BEING CONSUMED IN ITS INVESTIGATION FLARED WITH CHAIRMAN BARKLEY, DEMOCRAT OF KENTUCKY, THREATENING TO RESIGN AND THE COMMITTEE'S FOUR-MAN LEGAL STAFF ASKING TO BE RELEASED.

BARKLEY SAID EVIDENTLY THE ENQUIRY WAS GOING TO RUN FOR MONTHS AND HE IS WEIGHING THE QUESTION WHETHER IT IS DUTY TO THE SENATE AS MAJORITY LEADER OR HIS DUTY TO THE COMMITTEE IS GREATER.

He told his colleagues he will decide in a few days. William D. Mitchell, chief counsel and former Attorney General, said he accepted the position with the understanding that his services would end in early January.

The resolution creating the Committee directed it to report by January 3.

Mitchell complained that some Committee members were engaging in such lengthy examinations that only eight witnesses were heard thus far and at least 60 remain.

The Pearl Harbour Inquiry, the Hurley case and the Republicans were caustically criticized by Interior Secretary Harold Ickes before the National Citizens Political Action Committee in Chicago today.

SOUND TRIMMING
In a speech with darts aimed at the Republicans handling of the Pearl Harbour inquiry and the Hurley incident, Ickes said the Republicans "already have picked their own nominee for 1948. They are determined to discredit the late President Roosevelt."

"My own confident prediction is that Roosevelt dead will give them as sound a trimming as ever did Roosevelt living."

He cited the Hurley charges as an "attempt by reactionary Republicans who are getting ready for the 1948 Presidential elections."—Associated Press.

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His history was not unusual by present standards. An Engineer, he had joined the Army and had been captured in Hong Kong.

Three-and-a-half years of brutality and semi-starvation in a Japanese prison camp had not spoiled his good nature. His only complaint was that after 30 years in the East he had few contacts left in England, and was impatient to get back to his work out there.

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Explosive Picture In U.S. Industry

NEW YORK, DEC. 15. ANOTHER COUNTRY-WIDE STRIKE, INVOLVING 200,000 ELECTRIC WORKERS IN THE COUNTRY'S LEADING MANUFACTURES OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, HAS DARKENED THE ALREADY GLOOMY LABOUR PICTURE.

The strike move follows the pattern set by the Congress of Industrial Organizations' workers in the steel and motor-car industries.

However, a spokesman of the workers' union said that the strike will not be called until Jan. 1.

In the motor industry, the strike at General Motors is now in its fourth week and may continue for six weeks longer.

A company official predicted that the impending court action regarding the legality of picketing has widened the breach between General Motors and the Congress of Industrial Organizations and United Automobile Workers.

In Detroit, C.I.O. and N.A.W. leaders have resumed contract negotiations with Ford officials; and later announced in a joint statement that today's sessions were "brief and satisfactory."

Mr. Philip Murray, C.I.O. President, described the American industrial picture as "explosive."—Reuter.

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